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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Art Unit: 3727)
Examiner: J. Moy)
Applicant(s): Joseph R. LaLonde)
Serial No.: 09/910,114)
Filing Date: July 20, 2001)
For: HOLDER FOR ASSISTING IN HOLDING)
PAINT CONTAINER)

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 13, 2002, please amend the
above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

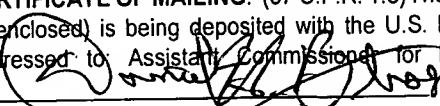
Please cancel claims 2, 15, and 18.

Please substitute amended claims 1, 12 through 14, 22, and 23 as follows for
the pending claims with the same number:

1. (AMENDED) A holder for assisting in holding a paint container,

comprising:

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a cylindrical sleeve adapted to receive a thumb of a hand and having a longitudinal
axis; and

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING: (37 C.F.R. 1.8) I hereby certify that this paper (along with any paper referred to as being attached
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